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1. IN VIEW OF DEEP INTEREST HERE IN THIS SUBJECT WE HAVE INQUIRED AT MFA (NATO AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY-DISARMAMENT DIRECTORATES) IF THEY WOULD LIKE MORE INFO FROM US ABOUT ABM PROGRAM. WE LEARNED THAT NETH EMB WASHINGTON HAD PROMPTLY CABLED FULL TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT AS WELL AS "BACKGROUND REACTIONS AND IMPRESSIONS" FROM UNNAMED SOURCES. OFFICIALS IN BOTH SECTIONS SAID THEY THOUGH THEY HAD ENOUGH INFO AND WOULD LET US KNOW IF ANY QUESTIONS AROSE ON WHICH THEY WOULD LIKE FURTHER GUIDANCE.

2. WE INQUIRED AT SAME OFFICES ABOUT INITIAL REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT. TERWISSCHA (DISARMAMENT EXPERT) SAID HE WOULD PREFER TO WAIT STUDY OF DOCUMENT AND CONVERSATIONS WITH MINISTRY COLLEAGUES. HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD TAKE ABOUT A WEEK. HIS ONLY COMMENT, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, WAS THAT PRESIDENT HAD THROWN OFF BALANCE "UNIFORMED CRITICS" WHO WERE PREPARED TO PROTEST ANY DECISION TO GO FORWARD WITH ABM PROGRAM.

3. VAN VLOTEN (NATO AFFAIRS) SAID HIS REACTION WAS SAME AS IT HAD BEEN TO PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION'S SENTINEL ANNOUNCEMENT, I.E., FAVORABLE. HE VOLUNTEERED TO SOUND OUT HIS NATO COLLEAGUES AND LET US KNOW RESULTS. PRESS REACTION

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